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1. The latest disorders and acts of violence committed by the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR), in an effort to embarrass the present Bolivian regime, have been reported from the interior cities of Potosi, Sucre, and Santa Cruz, and in Cochabamba.
2. An example of the type of disorders being precipitated by MNR members occurred following a Party reunion in Cochabamba on 25 September 1948. Upon leaving the meeting, the members indulged in a series of street fights and stoned the home of Dr. Humberto Cano Montano, Cochabamba Police Chief. Several of the MNR leaders were armed, and shots were exchanged between the police and the rioters before order was restored. No one was wounded by gunfire, but several were injured in the free-for-all which resulted. As a consequence of this incident, the following Party members were detained by the Cochabamba police:

German Vera Tapia
Jose R. Crespo
Rafael Saavedra
Luzino Orellana
Alberto Capriolo
Julio Cosio
Arapito Villegas
Juan Camacho
Gerardo Martinez M.

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